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MEMORANDUM FROM: Assistant Director for Intelligence Coordination
SUBJECT: Collection of Intelligence from Overt Sources Abroad
REFERENCE: Staff Study, 14 August 1952, from the Assistant Director
for Operations to the Deputy Director/Intelligence,
Subject: Overt Collection Activities Abroad

1. The recommendations in the referenced staff study have been approved in principle by me and a committee should be formed at the earliest possible opportunity, first: to make a detailed survey of the present arrangements and responsibilities for the collection of intelligence information from overt sources abroad; and second: to determine whether existing arrangements require further supplementation, stimulation or coordination by this Agency.
2. As such a survey will require careful coordination among the various offices of CIA, and at a later stage with the other IAC agencies, it is requested that you form the necessary committee under your chairmanship. The committee should include representatives, preferably on the Assistant Director or Deputy Assistant Director level, of CSC, CCI, OCIA, ODI, OCB and the Chief, Foreign Intelligence.

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Deputy Director/Intelligence

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